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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Collection of arrears in estates in Visakhapatnam.

* 1205 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were received by the Government with the request that collection of arrears be postponed in the estates taken over in Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts in view of the failure of crops this year; and

(b) if so, whether the Government proposed to comply with the request?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) So far as the estates taken over in the Visakhapatnam district are concerned, no representation for postponement of collection of arrears therein has been received. As regards the estates taken over in the Srikakulam district, please refer to my answer to the hon. Member's question No. 933 (220), given on 28th March 1953."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" In view of the fact that the Government have not taken any responsibility to undertake repairs to irrigation sources in estates which were taken over by the Government, will not the Government consider it obligatory on their part to postpone the collection of arrears in those districts as the crops have failed? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Postponement was done on the representation of the leader of the K.L. Party and the hon. Member. Action was taken to collect six years' arrears but on representations we restricted the collection to one year's arrear and the collection for the current fasli was postponed to a later date in June or July."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware that in certain estates taken over by the Government, interest on arrears of kist is being collected when there is a demand for postponement of the collection of arrears of rent itself? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are making collections as per the rules and not against the rules."

Construction of roads under the Five-Year Plan.

* 1206 Q.—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased—

(a) to place on the table of the House a copy of the Five-Year Plan of Roads;

(b) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(c) what are the works completed according to the plan and when the other works would be completed?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Five Year Plan for development of roads other than National Highways for 1947–52 drawn up by this Government in great detail could be implemented only partially by the end of 1950–51. The Government are, therefore, following the plan in implementing the Planning Commission's plan for the development of roads for the period, 1951–52 to 1955–56. The plan relating to 1947–52 is a bulky document and the Government do not consider it necessary to print it and place copies of it before the Legislature. Copies of this plan are, however, available in the Library of the Legislature for reference by the Members of the Legislature.

" (*c*) The works are so numerous that the Government do not think that the labour and cost involved in printing the list and placing copies on the table would be commensurate with the object sought to be achieved."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that so many roads were ignored, though according to the plan they had to be undertaken? Apart from the very few copies that are placed in the Legislature Library, are not copies available for the use of the hon. Members? There is the partition of the State and this matter requires to be gone into thoroughly. Will the Government be pleased to supply the copies immediately? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI—" Ten copies of the Five Year Plan for the development of national highways are placed in the Library of the Legislature for reference."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Is the Hon. Minister satisfied with providing ten copies in the Library? May I know whether copies are available for sale? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" No one has asked a copy for sale. If there is sufficient demand, that question will be considered."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" The Hon. Minister for Public Works has seen for himself the difficult means of communications in the South Kanara district. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that this district is given special attention in this matter? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Special attention is being paid to South Kanara district."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister for Public Works that the Five-Year Plan of the roads is a bulky one and there is not sufficient demand for sale of the copies, will the Government consider the desirability of printing them districtwar so that there may be sufficient demand in the districts and the district people may not go in for a plan for the entire State? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not think it is necessary, Sir. This is the kind of document that has been printed for the whole State. (The document was shown to the hon. Members.) "

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it bulky, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is bulky."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know the cost of the book which contains only 250 pages? The book can be easily printed and distributed to the members of the Assembly free of cost. We do not mind paying the cost of the book. I wonder why the Hon. Minister calls it a ' bulky ' one ! "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the view of the Government is that they should not add to the capital cost of the roads because after all the roads are not coming? "

Bhavani Panchayat Board.

* 1207 *Q.*—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the 9 a.m.
Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the division of wards in Bhavani Panchayat has been decided ;

(*b*) whether the Panchayat Board has approved the same ; and

(*c*) if not why?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Government have no information.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—"గుంటూరు జిల్లా, నర్సారావుపేట తాలూకా, ఏలూరు పంచాయతీ బోర్డును ప్రజాభిప్రాయానికి విరుద్ధముగా విభజించారు. అట్లా చేయటానికి recommend చేసినట ఎవరండి ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question relates to the Bhavani panchayat, but this supplementary question asks for information about a different panchayat."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Sir, a question similar to my question put by Sri P. Venkatasubbiah is also coming up for answer to-day. Both these questions relate to a very important matter relating to Harijans, and I request you to allow a half-hour debate on the matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" When? "

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" To-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" To-morrow is allotted for valedictory speeches."

Scholarships to Harijan students.

* 1208 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received from the Harijan students in the State seeking scholarships for the year 1952–53 and of them how many were given and on what basis ;